

The Government greatly appreciates all of the feedback from Amendment 2 to the Final Request for Proposal. When possible, we combined similar and/or common questions, and often simplified the questions to avoid possible confusion and get to the specific point we believe the question was referring to. We also appreciate the background and/or feedback establishing the rationale for the questions, and in most cases did not repeat this information due to the confidential nature of the information. Please note that numbering sequence for questions is a continuation of the last posted questions and answers.

Question: 141

Enclosure A, Incumbent Direct Labor Rates vs. Exhibit B MIST Position Descriptions

The Senior Systems Engineer category and direct labor rate is included in Enclosure A but not included in Exhibit B.

Question: Will the Government reissue a new Exhibit B with the Senior Systems Engineer category and description?

Answer: No. The Senior Systems Engineer has been deleted from Enclosure A and therefore will not be added to Exhibit B.

Question: 142

Under L.17 (2) (b) DIRECT LABOR AND INDIRECT RATES MATRIX
The RFP currently states:

“(b) DIRECT LABOR AND INDIRECT RATES MATRIX

The prime offeror shall propose unburdened direct labor rates for all labor categories in Exhibit 2A and all individual bid indirect rates in Exhibit 2B, clearly delineating on-site and off-site rates”

However, based on the section heading the instructions seem to be directed toward completing Attachment B, but the text addresses Exhibits 2A and 2B. The instructions completing Exhibits 2A and 2B are contained in L.17 (2) (d).

Should L.17 (2) (b) be modified to address how to complete Attachment B?

Answer: L.17.2.B states: The prime offeror shall propose unburdened direct labor rates for all labor categories in **Exhibit 2A** and all individual bid indirect rates in **Exhibit 2B**, clearly delineating on-site and off-site rates. The offeror’s fixed fee rate shall be used to calculate the fixed fee for performing all task orders issued under the resultant contract. The rates (direct and indirect) in **Exhibits 2A and 2B** must be consistent with those proposed in **Attachment B DIRECT LABOR RATES, INDIRECT RATES, AND FEE MATRICES**.

This is the instruction of how to complete Attachment B – by consistently utilizing the rates proposed in the cited exhibits (2A and 2B) in completing the labor, indirects, and fee sections of

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Attachment B. The specific instructions for completing Exhibits 2A and 2B are provided in L.17.2.D.

Question: 143

Onsite Provisions - RFP Section G.10 (b)(2)(c), page 23 modification states the government is no longer providing office space, furniture, utilities, and phones for onsite staff at no charge as well as safety and fire protection, supplies, building maintenance for onsite MIST staff. Is this the case? Do we therefore need to price these provisions and if so will government provide the pricing information?

Answer: Section G.10 (b)(2)(c) has been updated to reflect the onsite property and services that will be provided by the Government.

Question: 144

Position Descriptions - The List of Major Changes File contains a position and description for Senior Systems Engineer, however this position is not included in the GPM nor the Exhibit B Position Descriptions Rev 1. The GPM Offsite list of positions does contain a systems engineer, which is not included in the List of Major Changes File or Exhibit B Position Descriptions Rev 1. Please clarify.

Answer: The Systems Engineer has been removed from Exhibit B and the GPM Cost Exhibits, and is no longer a requirement for MIST.

Question: 145

Incumbent Labor Rates. Amendment 2 provided updated labor categories (increase to 63), but only provided only average Incumbent Direct Labor rates for 42. We recommend and request that the Government provide RFP-provided direct labor rates for all GPM labor categories.

Answer: There are no available incumbent composite rates for the new additional labor categories added in Amendment 2.

Question: 146

Wage Determination. The Government states in Question 136 that the Service Contract Act does not apply. However, in L.8(c) of the RFP, there is an instruction related to the Service Contract Act and Wage Determinations. Will the Government remove this section from the RFP?

Answer: The standard provision at L.8 is broadly written to encompass procurement scenarios where Service Contract Act (SCA)/Wage Determination (WD) may apply. For this procurement they do not apply, and as such instructions/requirements related to SCA/WD do not apply.

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Question: 147

RFP Reference: Government's response in Question #138.

The Government responded that the Attachment B (to the model contract) will contain both 1) Offeror labor categories, category descriptions, and rates and 2) Government SLCs, category descriptions, and rates.

The current Attachment B (to the model contract) currently only requests the Offeror labor categories, category descriptions, and rates.

Will the Government issue a new Attachment B (to the model contract) to include the Government SLCs, category descriptions, and rates?

Answer: No, Attachment B is not being revised. For clarification, Attachment B should have all proposed labor categories, category descriptions, and rates proposed by potential offerors.

Question: 148

RFP Reference: Government's response in Question #117.

Section L.14(a)(5) specifies that the matrices are not included in page count. In addition the RFP has been amended to list "proposal matrix" in Section L.14(b)(1) of the proposal instruction chart as an item excluded from page limitations.

Wondering if the Government would like to have matrices for all volumes and not just Volume II where the proposal matrix was listed as excluded from page count.

Does the Government prefer to have proposal matrices for each volume instead of just Volume II and if so, will the other volume's proposal matrices be excluded from page count?

Answer: Proposal matrix excluded from page count has been added to Section L.14 (b)(1) instruction chart for Volumes III & IV.

Question: 149

Final RFP, Section L, page 88, L.15 c. (8) Contract Security Classification – This section that was added under Amendment 2 does not reflect the same requirement as indicated in the DD254 (attachment D). The DD254 appears correct and requires a Top Secret Facility clearance with no safeguarding. The Section L.15 c.(8) requires a Top Secret Sensitive Compartmented (SCI) Facility clearance which would be inconsistent with the DD254. Please clarify.

Answer: Section L.15 c.(8) has been corrected to reflect "Top Secret" only.

Question: 150

In Exhibit B, Rev 1, "MIST POSITION DESCRIPTIONS," there appears to be some inadvertent duplication for positions at different levels of seniority: namely #25 and #26 (Senior Electronic Technician and Electronic Technician are nearly identical), and #34 and #35 (Senior Contamination Engineer and Contamination Engineer are exactly identical). This includes scope, responsibilities, and position qualifications (including years of experience).

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Did the government mean to provide a different PD for Senior Contamination Engineer that increased the years of experience to 10, and responsibilities/scope accordingly with respect to that of Contamination Engineer?

Did the government mean to provide a different PD for Senior Electronic Technician that increased the years of experience to 10, and responsibilities/scope accordingly with respect to that of Electronic Technician?

Answer: The Sr. Electronic Technician, Electronic Technician, Sr. Contamination Engineer, and Contamination Engineer, and Junior Contamination Engineer position descriptions have been revised in Exhibit B.

Question: 151

RFP Reference: Cost Exhibits 1A Yrs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

The Cost Exhibits 1A are not consistent between each year. The Offsite tables between each of the years have either additional categories or missing categories:

1A Offsite Yr 2 – Extra category: Sr. Manufacturing Engineer

1A Offsite Yr 3 – Good (same as Yr 1)

1A Offsite Yr 4 – Extra category: Sr. Optical Analyst and Sr. Manufacturing Engineer; Missing category: Sr. Mechanical Technician

1A Offsite Yr 5 – Extra category: Sr. Optical Analyst; Missing categories: Thermal Engineer, Sr. Electronic Technician, Sr. Mechanical Technician

Question: None of the missing or added categories have GPM hours allocated. Could we, as the offeror, modify the years 2, 3, 4, and 5 templates to make them consistent with year 1?

When templates are inconsistent between each other linking errors can easily occur.

Answer: Small adjustments have been made to the the Cost Exhibits to ensure consistency for all contract years.

Question: 152

Cost Exhibit 1As and 2As

The order of the labor categories in Exhibit 2A is different from the order of the labor categories in Exhibit 1A (using the longer onsite list).

Question: Could the government or the offeror be allowed to modify Exhibit 2A to make the list consistent with the Exhibit 1A Onsite list (we would put the Systems Engineer category at the end)?

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Answer: The Government has addressed the inconsistency of the order of the labor categories in Exhibit 1A and Exhibit 2A in the revised Cost Exhibits in Amendment 3.

Question: 153

RFP section L.17.2(b) states “The prime offeror shall propose unburdened direct labor rates for all labor categories in Exhibit 2A and all individual bid indirect rates in Exhibit 2B, clearly delineating on-site and off-site rates.” Specifically, the RFP instructions do not include a request for Manufacturing Site rates. However, the GPM worksheets for Exhibit 2 include “Manufacturing Site Engineering Services” and worksheet for Exhibit 5 includes “Overhead Mfg Site Bid Rate.” Please clarify that “Manufacturing Site” rates are not requested.

Answer: Manufacturing Site rates are not requested in L.17.2(b). References to “Manufacturing Site Engineering Services” for Exhibit 2 and “Overhead Mfg Site Bid Rate” for Exhibit 5 have been removed.